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## USE THIS FORM FOR COMPOST AND COMPOST FEEDSTOCK ANALYSIS

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Name:			Telephone No:		
Business Name:			E-mail address:		
Street Address:			Method of receiving results US Mail		
City, State, and Zip		(Choose one or include \$2 fee for both)			
LAB#	Sample ID		Test requ		
(Leave blank)	(Leave blank) (You create th		is ) Standard (\$45) or Basic (\$25)		
Sample Information					
Material:		Compost Me	Compost Method:		Intended Use: (check all that apply)
Finished compost		Windrow			Turf topdressing
Office Use Only					
Received Due					
Check#	PO#				
Cash					
Sampling Instructions Compost Test Description & Fee					
It's very important that you take the necessary steps to obtain a representati sample. Each sample submitted should be a composite of 8 to 10 subsample collected from randomly selected locations within the windrow or pile. You will need a clean spade, a clean 5 gal bucket, and a heavy 1 gal plastic ziplock bag.  Procedure:  1. At each sampling location collect about one pint of material from just below the surface, another pint from midway to the core of the pile or windrow, and one from near the core. Repeat the process a each sampling location. Place all sample in the 5 gal bucket.  2. Once sample collection is complete, thoroughly mix the subsamples. Mixing may be improved by emptying the bucket on to a clean plastic tarp and mixing with a clean spade.  3. After the composite sample is thoroughly mixed, place about 2 quarts in the plastic zip-lock bag. Label bag and complete the submission form. Hand deliver or mail the sample, submission form, and a check or money order payable to UMass to the address listed at the top of this form. Samples should be delivered to the last quickly as possible.			bsamples sile. You tic zip- ial from ore of the process at let. licket on loout 2 the ssion let address	Standard Compost Test: \$45.00 Includes: percent moisture, bulk density, pH, electrical conductivity, organic matter, total nitrogen, C/N ratio, nitrate nitrogen, ammonium nitrogen, and extractable phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese, zinc, copper, boron, and iron  Basic Compost Test: \$25.00 Includes: percent moisture, bulk density, pH, electrical conductivity, organic matter, total nitrogen, and C/N ratio	